

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A liquid level detecting apparatus having movable contacts ~~to be displaced~~ in accordance with the fluctuation of a liquid level, ~~slides slidingly moved at~~ fixed electrodes slidingly contacted by the movable contact ~~contacts~~ on a circuit board, a first resistance connected to the fixed electrodes ~~slide~~, and connecting portions which terminals contact, a resistance value of the first resistance which varies when the movable contact is slidingly moved on the fixed electrodes ~~slide~~ being outputted from the terminals via the connecting portions, characterized in that at least the sections of the connecting portions which contact the terminals are covered with second resistances.

2. (Currently Amended) A liquid level detecting apparatus according to Claim 1, characterized in that the resistance values of the second resistances are set lower than that of the ~~previously described~~ first resistance.

3. (Original) A liquid level detecting apparatus according to Claim 2, characterized in that the second resistances contain at least ruthenium oxide ( $\text{RuO}_2$ ), and have a sheet resistivity of not higher than  $1.0 \Omega/\text{mm}^2$ .